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May 21, 1981

His Excellency

Lt. General (Ret.) Roberto Eduardo Viola
President of the Republic of Argentina
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my concern about Eduardo Jozami, a lawyer and journalist who is imprisoned in Buenos Aires.

It is my understanding that Mr. Jozami, who is in poor health, has served five and a half years of his eight year sentence and was eligible for "supervised liberty" in March of this year.

As Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Organizations, I have followed with great interest the improvements in human rights that your government has made in the past year. As I mentioned to you when we met in Washington during your recent visit, I see your presidency as a new beginning for human rights and freedom in Argentina, and a new opportunity for normalized relations with the United States.

It is my hope that you will proceed with improvements in human rights; in particular, granting pardons or commuted sentences to the PEN detainees and information to the families of the Disappeared.

Releasing Mr. Jozami would be a welcome sign, and I respectfully urge you to take such action.

Sincerely yours,

Don Bonker, Chairman
Subcommittee on Human Rights
and International Organizations

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cc: Honorable Alexander M. Haig, Jr. ✓
Secretary of State

U.S. Ambassador to Argentina. Hon. Barry W. Shlaudeman

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